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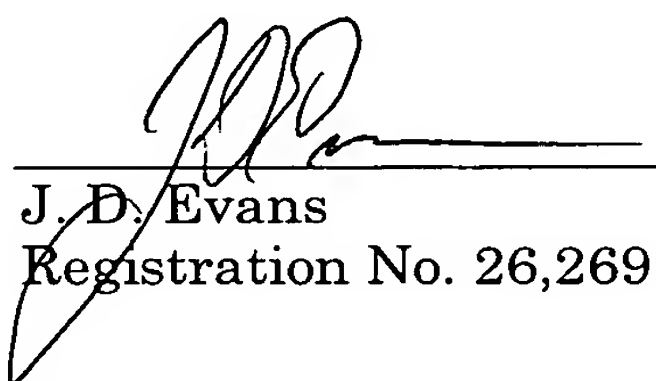
German Utility Model 94 03 868.6 is cited on page one of the specification. This reference describes a filter insert for oil or fuel with a hollow cylindrical pleated filter insert in which the inner folds are glued to form pockets and end openings are sealed with an adhesive ring.

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